

**AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS**

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

1.- 6. (cancelled)

7. (currently amended) A smart card holder, comprising:

- an ejector,
- at least one locking arm coupled to the ejector and arranged so as to lock a smart card inserted into the holder in a locked pushed-in position, ~~and~~
- a gearwheel arranged to control the at least one locking arm, the gearwheel arranged to engage in a toothed rack-like section of the locking arms and to be driven by a lug on the ejector whereby the lug engages in a track guide provided on the gearwheel and
- wherein the lug is a pin attached to the ejector, extending through the track guide and reaching into a guide groove on an other side of the track guide, the guide groove running in the ejection direction.

8. (cancelled)

9. (currently amended) The smart card holder according to claim 7, wherein the track guide comprises two sections arranged at an angle to one another, the first section running essentially transverse to the ejection direction and the lug extending through the first section when the smart card is inserted, and the second section running in the ejection direction and the lug extending through the second section when the smart card is ejected.

10. (previously presented) The smart card holder according to claim 9, wherein the angle between the first and the second sections is in a range of 120° to 135°.

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11. (currently amended) The smart card holder according to claim +7, wherein the gearwheel comprises teeth in two regions running essentially transverse to the ejection direction when the smart card is inserted, the teeth arranged to operate a locking arm.